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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR INTERPOL DAMASCUS

1. STATE 39881 (FEB 21) INFORMED EMBASSIES BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH INTERPOL CHANNELS, INTERPOL DAMASCUS HAD ABANDONED ITS REQUEST FOR HIGH-FREQUENCY RADIO LINK AND PREFERRED DEVELOP TELEX LINK WITH BEIRUT. WE REQUESTED VIEWS OF EMBASSIES DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT.

2. DAMASCUS 710 (FEB 26) CONFIRMED SYRIAN SHIFT TO TELEX, SAID SYRIAN AUTHORITIES WERE IN CONTACT WITH LEBANESE COUNTERPARTS ON TECHNICAL DETAILS. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANY REPLY TO STATE 39881 FROM BEIRUT.

3. ON FEBRUARY 28 INTERPOL SECRETARY GENERAL (PARIS)
REQUESTED VIEWS OF INTERPOL BEIRUT ON NETWORK PROCEDURES.

4. ON APRIL 22 INTERPOL WASHINGTON RECEIVED COMMUNICATION
FROM INTERPOL DAMASCUS STATING THAT TWO SETS OF TERMINAL
EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED, ONE BEING A STANDBY, AND THAT
SYRIAN PTT COULD ACCOMMODATE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY
SIEMENS, SAGEN, OLIVETTI AND TELETYPE.

5. ON MAY 13 INTERPOL WASHINGTON RECEIVED COMMUNICATION
FROM INTERPOL SECRETARY GENERAL CONFIRMING THAT SYRIANS
AND LEBANESE HAD WORKED OUT SATISFACTORY NETWORK PROCE-
DURES AND CONCLUDING "ANY ASSISTANCE THE U.S. AUTHORITIES
MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED."

6. UNTIL BEIRUT 8323 RECEIVED, WE HAD NO INDICATION
INTERPOL DAMASCUS HAD PURCHASED TELEX EQUIPMENT NOR HAD
WE RECEIVED SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. WE ARE
GRATIFIED, HOWEVER, TO LEARN THAT GOS HAS GONE AHEAD ON
ITS OWN AND PROVIDED ITS INTERPOL OFFICE WITH TELEX
EQUIPMENT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY DAMASCUS BELIEVES GOS
PURCHASED TELEX EQUIPMENT WITH EXPECTATION THAT USG WOULD
PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOS
THAT USG WILLING TO HONOR ITS IMPLIED COMMITMENT AND
REIMBURSE GOS TO COVER ONE RPT ONE TERMINAL INSTALLATION.
PLEASE ADVISE ACTUAL COST INCURRED BY GOS TOGETHER WITH
LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND MANUFACTURER. AMOUNT OF REIMBURSE-
MENT WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER WASHINGTON REVIEW. (FYI:
AS MATTER OF POLICY, CCINC DOES NOT APPROVE DUPLICATE
STANDBY EQUIPMENT UNLESS SUCH DUPLICATION OPERATIONALLY
ESSENTIAL.)

8. FYI: WE HAVE NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE OF COMMITMENTS OR
PROMISES BY U.S. DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
CONFERENCES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AS ALLEGED
PARA THREE BEIRUT 8323. INGERSOLL
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